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workload statistics and used them for purposes of allowing a telephone conference in situations where the number of judges was substantially equal to the workload statistics rather than greater than? Because I think you would have to admit that if the numbers are substantially greater than equal, then there arises the question of an additional judge, and that would not necessarily be a noncontroversial situation, whereas if you put "substantially equal to", you could leave the authority in charge, with some discretion, to make that decision, but the number would have to be in the vicinity of the workload statistics rather than being way below or way above. And, secondly, I would ask you again to elaborate on how the public participates in a telephone conference?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: With your permission, Senator Beutler, while I think about your suggested modification, let me respond to the second query first. I think the way that the public would participate in a teleconference, first of all, there has to be a note, this is still a public meeting, would in this case be authorized by statute that it be held by teleconference. So you are going to have to publish and establish a means, which is not too difficult in this Nebraska, the center of telecommunications. You can publish a number and allow people to dial in and join the telephone conference. So rather than being intimidating and awful difficult, I think it could be convenient and easy, from an interested party's own easy chair, so to speak, at least theoretically. Secondly, there will be members of the commission who will be joining the telephone conference. And I imagine that the Chair would have within its discretion, in publishing the notice for the public hearing by teleconference, to invite people to join those members of the commission at some public facility, without their enduring the time and incurring the cost of travel. So I really believe that in this day and age, in a state that is one of the centers of telecommunications, I think that's easily accommodated and properly handled. I am certainly amenable to language, Senator Beutler, that adjusts and deals with what you're trying to deal with, because there was no intent to have a controversial matter come before a teleconference, at least not on my part. But I would suggest to you, and I maybe need to confer about the